

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our citizens is of primary concern; and

WHEREAS, reducing obesity and diet-related diseases by promoting safe and healthy eating is fundamental to improving the overall health of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, supporting sustainable family farms and local agriculture is essential to the health of citizens and our local economy; and

WHEREAS, improving equity for food and farm workers is beneficial for both the producer and consumer; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to food and ending hunger is important to the quality of life for those who live in food deserts that lack sources of fresh, healthy food; and

WHEREAS, curbing junk-food marketing aimed at children is a valuable tool to combat rising childhood obesity rates; and

WHEREAS, protecting the environment and the ability of our land to produce food is necessary to provide ready access to locally grown, nutritious food and farm products and to sustain future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the King County Executive, Metropolitan King County Council, Mayor of the City of Seattle and Seattle City Council, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 24, 2011 as

FOOD DAY

in the City of Seattle and King County, Washington, and we urge all citizens to participate in the activities that support a healthy, sustainable local food system.